

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re:  
Applicant: SLACK, Maurice William                      Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.: 10/528,277                      Examiner: Not Yet Known  
Filed: September 23, 2003  
For: "PIPE CENTRALIZER AND METHOD OF FORMING"

Honourable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE  
(DO/EO/US)**

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for responding to the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated December 12, 2005 for a period of four months from December 12, 2005 until June 12, 2006 so that completion requirements can be filed.

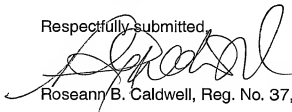
In response to the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) dated December 12, 2005, please find enclosed:

1. A Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) properly signed by the inventor.

2. Please charge ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$1,720.00) for payment of the surcharge (\$130.00) and four months' extension fee (\$1590.00) to our American Express credit card on file. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our American Express credit card.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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